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CITY OF GAITHERSBURG
MINUTES OF A REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 5, 2007

A meeting of the Mayor and City Council was called to order at 7:30 p.m., Mayor Katz presiding. Council Members present: Alster, Edens and Marraffa. Staff present: City Manager Humpton, Assistant City Managers Felton and Tomasello, Director of Public Works, Parks Maintenance and Engineering (PWPME) Arnoult, Planning and Code Administration Director Ossont, Recreation Program Director McGuire, Recreation Program Supervisor Poole, Environmental Services Director Shingara, Police Lieutenant Campbell and Executive Assistant Stokes.

I. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge was led by Cathy Drzyzgula, Gaithersburg resident.

II. INVOCATION

In lieu of an invocation, Mayor Katz called for a moment of silence.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Council Member Alster, seconded by Council Member Edens, that the minutes of the Mayor and Council meeting held February 20, 2007, be approved.

Vote: 3-0

IV. APPOINTMENTS

Resolution of the City Council Confirming an Appointment by the Mayor

This resolution confirms the following: **Gaithersburg Senior Council**, Jeannie Pizzonia, 9816 Islandside Drive, Montgomery Village, Maryland 20886, two-year term.

Motion was made by Council Member Edens, seconded by, Council Member Marraffa, that a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL CONFIRMING AN APPOINTMENT BY THE MAYOR TO THE GAITHERSBURG SENIOR COUNCIL (Resolution No. R-18-07), be approved.

Vote: 3-0

V. PRESENTATIONS**1. Certificates of Recognition**

Mayor Katz presented Certificates of Recognition to the Quince Orchard High School Girls' Field Hockey and Boys' Cross Country 4A State Champion Teams.

The Quince Orchard High School Girls Varsity Field Hockey Team recently won the 4A State Championship as the Cougars defeated South River High School 1-0 in double overtime for the State crown. The Cougars compiled a school record 16 wins for the season led by Head Coach Jenna Ries and Assistant Coach Melissa Snyder. Team Members: Kristina Anderson, Andre Baick, Monica Baick, Ariel Borten, Colleen Childs, Deana Dillingham, Kelsey Dorset, Emily Ellenberger, Natalie Ellenberger, Kelsey Flickinger, Katie Giles, Melissa Goleb, Shannon Holliday, Beth Hunsinger, Veronica Kresse, Brooke Lee, Katie McCaughey, Aleeza Michael, Brooke Mischler, Megan Mischler, Melanie Page, Alissa Peterson, Kelsey Richards, Ashley Scala, Hannah Seligmann and Alicia Vincenty.

The Quince Orchard High School Boys Varsity Cross Country recently won the Maryland State Championship. The Cougars completed an undefeated season and were led by Head Coach Sean Pelkey and Assistant Coach Steve Majkrak. Team Members: Greg Bove, Neal Darmody, Josh Joson, David Laratta, Reagan Lynch, Mike Migdall, Ryan Priovalos, Alex Rosenberg and Artem Panasenkov.

2. Certificates of Appreciation

Mayor Katz was joined at the podium by Recreation Program Supervisor Poole to presented Certificates of Appreciation and acknowledge the following 2006 *Winter Lights* sponsors for their generous support: Mix 107.3 Radio Station (\$54,000 in kind), Lakeforest Shopping Center (\$10,000 cash/\$15,000 in kind), Comcast (\$32,000 in kind), Shady Grove Adventist Hospital (\$5,000 cash/\$1,000 in kind), *Gazette* Newspapers (\$10,000 in kind), OBA Bank (\$1,000 cash/\$4,000 in kind), PEPCO (\$1,000 cash), MedImmune (\$1,000 cash), Hughes Network Systems (\$1,000 cash), Sandy Spring Bank (\$1,000 cash) and GIANT Foods, Inc. (\$1,000 in cash).

The following charities received funds from the 2006 *Winter Lights* program: Shady Grove Hospital – Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (\$4,800), Dwelling Place (\$1,300), Hospice Caring (\$1,300), Identity (\$1,300) and Friends of Seneca Creek State Park (\$1,300).

3. Clean Energy Rewards Program

Susan Kirby, Program Coordinator, Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection gave an overview of the Clean Energy Rewards program. She defined the program, introduced the Clean Energy Rewards, explained how consumers can participate, and identified added costs and savings. Gaithersburg is committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions under the *U.S. Mayors Climate Protection Agreement*, and promotes the use of clean alternative energy. The Rewards Program can assist local residents, businesses, and community groups make the switch to clean renewable energy. Ms. Kirby explained that through the program, consumers are given the option to choose clean energy generated from renewable resources, and be rewarded for doing so. Montgomery County residents making the switch will receive \$0.01 per kilowatt-hour of clean electricity used annually, and small businesses, congregations, and other organizations will receive \$0.015 for each kilowatt-hour of clean electricity used annually. The program is open to all Montgomery County consumers even those that do not have an electric bill because they reside in leased space.

Those interested in additional information can visit the county's website at www.montgomerycountymd.gov or contact Ms. Kirby at susan.kirby@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-7753.

VI. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

1. *Rosalind MacLennan, HOA liaison for the Courtyards at RIO, 9718 Athletic Way*, spoke on the proposed Crown Farm development. She submitted a request that exhibit 295 of the plan, drawing of the pedestrian connection, be removed. She asked the City to discourage the developer's sales person from advertising pedestrian walkways across private property to access the RIO Entertainment Center or commercial buildings across Washingtonian Blvd.
2. *Steve Shrimen, Gaithersburg resident*, expressed concern with Montgomery County Public School plans to construct family health service centers in three area elementary schools. He further expressed concerns with cost and public safety. He stated that Linkage to Learning will operate the service centers.
3. *(inaudible) Reilly, 104 Sunnybrook Terrace*, invited the Mayor and City Council to attend the Saturday, March 17, 2007 flea market being held at the Agricultural Fairgrounds.

VII. FROM THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL/ANNOUNCEMENTS**Council Member Edens**

Announced vacancies on the various City Boards, Commissions, and Committees.

Council Vice President Alster

1. Congratulated the Quince Orchard High School Girls Field Hockey and Boys Cross Country Teams on becoming 4A State Champions.
2. Announced the community celebration of the City's 7th Annual St. Patrick's Day Parade at the Washingtonian Center on Saturday, March 17, 2007, 10 a.m.

Council Member Marraffa

Echoed congrats to the Quince Orchard High School Girls Field Hockey and Boys Cross Country Teams on becoming 4A State Champions.

Mayor Katz

1. Announced that registration for Gaithersburg Youth and Teen Sports Recreation Programs have been extended to Monday, March 12, 2007.
2. Announced the following meeting schedule:
 - work session on Monday, March 12, 2007, to receive an update from the Board of Supervisors of Elections in preparation for the upcoming City Election to include voting equipment and discuss the report from the Ad Hoc Election Participation Advisory Committee, followed by a briefing on City snow operations with special regard to pedestrian safety.
 - regular meeting of the Mayor and City Council on Monday, March 19, 2007.
 - work session on Monday, March 26, 2007, to discuss the Space Planning Study and Analysis on the Gaithersburg Upcounty Senior Center.

VIII. ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS, AND REGULATIONS**1. Resolution to Purchase Five (5) 2007 Ford Crown Victoria Police Vehicles**

This resolution authorized the City Manager to award a contract to purchase the above vehicles from Hertrich Fleet Services, 1123 Shore Highway, Denton, Maryland 21629, in the amount of One Hundred Four Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (\$104,535); said funds to be expended from the Operating Budget.

Motion was made by Council Member Marraffa, seconded by, Council Member Edens, that a RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT TO PURCHASE FIVE (5) 2007 FORD CROWN VICTORIA POLICE VEHICLES (Resolution No. R-19-07), be approved.

Vote: 3-0

2. Resolution for Photo-Speed Services with ACS State & Local Solutions, Inc.

This resolution authorized the City Manager to negotiate and execute a contract for photo-speed services with ACS State & Local Solutions, Inc., 1800 M Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20036, in an amount not to exceed \$16.25 per paid citation or \$3,000.00 per month per mobile unit deployed whichever is greater; said funds to be expended from the Operating Budget.

Motion was made by Council Member Alster, seconded by, Council Member Edens, that a RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT FOR PHOTO-SPEED SERVICES WITH ACS STATE & LOCAL SOLUTIONS, INC. (Resolution No. R-20-07), be approved.

Vote: 3-0

3. Resolution Adopting the 2007 Strategic Plan for the City of Gaithersburg

City Manager Humpton stated that the Mayor and City Council held their retreat January 19-20, 2007. He stated that the draft Strategic Plan was reviewed, guidance was provided to staff and revisions were incorporated into the Plan. He further stated that a presentation was given and a public discussion was held during the March 5, 2007 Mayor and City Council meeting. The Strategic Plan assists the City with the budget process. Staff was complimented on the Plan.

Motion was made by Council Member Edens, seconded by, Council Member Alster, that a RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL ADOPTING THE 2007 STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE CITY OF GAITHERSBURG (Resolution No. R-21-07), be approved.

Vote: 3-0

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before this session of the City Council, the meeting was duly adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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